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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/112,817, filed December 17, 1998.

This application is entitled to small entity status. A small entity statement will be filed at a later date.

Basic filing fee	\$0
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$0
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$39	\$0
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$0

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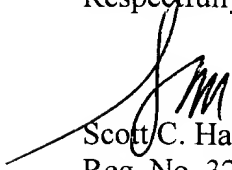
If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (858) 678-5070.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

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